

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the  
Southern District of Ohio

## In the Matter of the Search of

(Briefly describe the property to be searched  
or identify the person by name and address)Priority Mail Parcels, USPS Tracking Numbers, 9114 9999 4431 4034  
0753 45 and 9114 9999 4431 4034 0753 52, postmarked October 21,  
2015, addressed to John Teller, 2344 Willow Rd, Springfield, OH  
45502, with a return address of Mike Thompson, 16311 Venus Dr,  
Westminster, CA 92683.

Case No.

3:15-mj-478

SHARON L. OVINGTON

## APPLICATION FOR A SEARCH WARRANT

I, a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government, request a search warrant and state under penalty of perjury that I have reason to believe that on the following person or property (identify the person or describe the property to be searched and give its location):

Priority Mail Parcels, USPS Tracking Numbers, 9114 9999 4431 4034 0753 45 and 9114 9999 4431 4034 0753 52

located in the Southern District of Ohio, there is now concealed (identify the person or describe the property to be seized):

Controlled Substances, materials and documents reflecting the distribution of controlled substances through the U.S. Mails, including money and/or monetary instruments paid for controlled substances

The basis for the search under Fed. R. Crim. P. 41(c) is (check one or more):

- ☒ evidence of a crime;  
☒ contraband, fruits of crime, or other items illegally possessed;  
☐ property designed for use, intended for use, or used in committing a crime;  
☐ a person to be arrested or a person who is unlawfully restrained.

The search is related to a violation of: Title 21

Code Section	Offense Description
21 U.S.C. 841 (a) (1), 843 (b) & 846	Conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance Possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

The application is based on these facts:

See attached affidavit of U.S. Postal Inspector McDonough

- ☒ Continued on the attached sheet.  
☐ Delayed notice \_\_\_\_\_ days (give exact ending date if more than 30 days: \_\_\_\_\_) is requested under 18 U.S.C. § 3103a, the basis of which is set forth on the attached sheet.

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 11-4-15

City and state: Dayton, Ohio

*S. McDonough*  
Applicant's signature

Suzanne M. McDonough, U. S. Postal Inspector  
Printed name and title

*Sharon L. Ovington*  
Judge's signature

Honorable Sharon L. Ovington  
Chief United States Magistrate Judge  
Printed name and title

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
DAYTON, OHIO

STATE OF OHIO                                 )  
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COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY )

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF SEARCH WARRANT

I, SUZANNE MCDONOUGH, HAVING BEEN DULY SWORN, DEPOSE AND STATE: I am a United States Postal Inspector, having been so employed since July 22, 1995. I am presently assigned to the Cincinnati Field Office, Pittsburgh Division of the Postal Inspection Service with investigative responsibility for Southwest Ohio and Northern Kentucky. Part of my investigative responsibility involves the use of the United States Mail in the transporting of narcotics and other dangerous controlled substances and financial proceeds relating thereto.

Your affiant attended a week-long national Inspection Service training course in October, 1997. The training involved narcotic investigation techniques, chemical field tests and training in the detection and identification of controlled substances being transported in the U. S. Mail. In September 1999 your affiant attended a two-week drug investigator's training course provided by the Drug Enforcement Administration that included training in drug identification, drug interdiction, confidential informant management, and undercover investigation practices. In addition to this formal training, your affiant has worked since 1996 with various federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in the investigation of the transportation of illegal drugs and their identification. Primarily your affiant's investigative attention relates to the mailing of narcotics within the continental United States. Infrequently investigations involve foreign originating packages, those referred by U. S. Customs, and those coming to your affiant's attention

from other law enforcement agencies.

Your affiant has become aware that drug traffickers frequently use Express Mail, a business-oriented over-night service offered by the United States Postal Service, to transport narcotics and other dangerous controlled substances. As a result of investigations and successful controlled substance prosecutions where Express Mail was used, your affiant has learned of certain characteristics indicative of other Express Mail items previously identified as containing narcotics or other dangerous controlled substances. Some of these characteristics include, but are not necessarily limited to or used on every occasion, false or non-existent return address, addressee is not known to receive mail at the listed delivery address, the package is heavily taped, the package is mailed from a known drug source location, labeling information contains misspellings, the label contains an illegible waiver signature, unusual odors emanating from the package, and the listed address is located in an area of known or suspected drug activity.

On November 3, 2015, two suspicious Priority Mail Parcels were intercepted from the Springfield Post Office, Springfield, OH. The parcels appeared suspicious due to the fact that they were mailed from Garden Grove, CA, the parcels were addressed to an area of known drug activity, and the parcels were emanating a strange odor.

The parcels are further identified as follows:

**USPS Tracking Numbers:** 9114 9999 4431 4034 0753 45  
9114 9999 4431 4034 0753 52

**Sender:** Mike Thompson  
16311 Venus Dr.  
Westminster, CA 92683



**Addressee:** John Teller  
2344 Willow Rd.  
Springfield, OH 45502

Observation of the Priority Mail Parcels indicated the parcels were mailed from the Garden Grove Main Post Office, Garden Grove, CA 92842. Through training and experience, your affiant has learned that the area in and around Garden grove, CA, is a location of known drug activity and a drug source location.

The CLEAR database was researched regarding the listed return address, Mike Thompson, 16311 Venus Dr, Westminster, CA 92683. The information obtained from the system indicated no one by the name of Mike Thompson is known to be associated with that address.

The CLEAR database was also researched regarding the listed addressee, John Teller, 2344 Willow Rd, Springfield, OH 45502. The information obtained from the system indicated no one by the name of John Teller is known to be associated with that address.

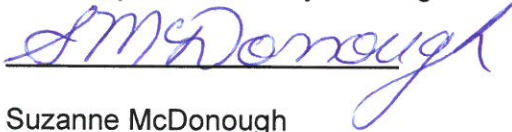
Officer Tonina Lamanna, Dayton Police Department, was contacted regarding the suspect parcel to arrange for a narcotic's canine to check the parcels. Officer Lamanna and her canine "Raika" are a currently certified narcotics team. The team was most recently certified by the International Police Work Dog Association. Officer Lamanna responded to the Dayton, OH Processing and Distribution Center where the parcels were placed different offices among several other similar parcels and presented to narcotic canine, "Raika", who alerted positively to the presence or odor of a controlled

substance upon Priority Mail Parcels, USPS Tracking Numbers, 9114 9999 4431 4034 0753 45 and 9114 9999 4431 4034 0753 52. Attached herewith, and made part hereof by reference, are a photocopies of the narcotic canine handler's records of examination.

This information, along with the parcel being mailed from a known drug source location and the positive alert of narcotic canine "Raika" is indicative of a drug package.

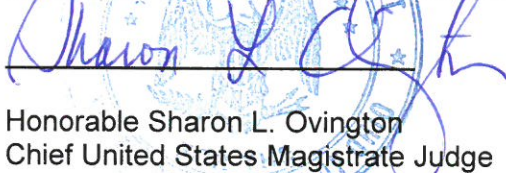
Based on the information contained herein, your affiant believes that contained in Priority Mail Parcels, USPS Tracking Numbers, 9114 9999 4431 4034 0753 45 and 9114 9999 4431 4034 0753 52, is a quantity of a narcotic or other dangerous controlled substance, their proceeds or instrumentality's. Therefore, a search warrant to open the parcels is requested.

Further, your affiant sayeth naught.

  
Suzanne McDonough

Postal Inspector

Subscribed and sworn to and before me this 4th day of Nov, 2015.

  
Honorable Sharon L. Ovington  
Chief United States Magistrate Judge



United States Postal Inspection Service  
Pittsburgh Division

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**OFFICER AFFIDAVIT**

I, Officer T. Lamanna, AM, AND HAVE BEEN, EMPLOYED BY THE Dayton Police Department, SINCE 8/2001. AMONG OTHER DUTIES, I AM CURRENTLY THE ASSIGNED HANDLER OF NARCOTICS DETECTION CANINE "Raika", WHICH IS TRAINED AND CERTIFIED IN THE DETECTION OF THE PRESENCE OR ODOR OF NARCOTICS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

**Marijuana, Hashish, Cocaine, Heroin, Methamphetamines, Ecstasy**

ON 11/4/2015, AT THE REQUEST OF POSTAL INSPECTOR S. MCDONOUGH, I RESPONDED TO THE Dayton, OH Processing and Distribution Center WHERE "Raika" DID ALERT TO AND INDICATE UPON THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED ITEM:

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*T. Lamanna* 11-4-15  
(Signature and Date)



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